

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A playing surface structure which includes a resin impregnated textile layer having a resin bonded layer of particulate rubber adherent to its undersurface and overlying a first fibrous random pile mat incorporating a random pile layer and a relatively compact, resin impregnated backing layer.

2. (Original) A playing surface structure according to claim 1, wherein the resin impregnated textile layer is covered by a surface carpet layer.

3. (Original) A playing surface structure according to claim 2, wherein said surface carpet layer has a pile laden with particulate material.

4. (Original) A playing surface structure according to claim 3, wherein said particulate material comprises sand in an amount between 5 and 40 kg/m².

5. (Original) A playing surface structure according to claim 1, wherein the random pile layer is laden with particulate material.

6. (Original) A playing surface structure according to claim 5, wherein the random pile layer is laden with rubber in an amount between 0.5 and 4.0 kg/m².

7. (Original) A playing surface structure according to claim 1, wherein the resin bonded layer of rubber particles has a thickness of the order of, or up to 10mm, and contains rubber in amounts of 0.5 to 4 kg/m².

8. (Original) A playing surface structure according to claim 1, wherein the rubber particles used are from comminuted vehicle tyres.

9. (Original) A playing surface structure according to claim 1, wherein the structure incorporates a second fibrous random pile mat beneath said first fibrous random pile mat.

10. (Original) A playing surface structure according to claim 9, wherein a second rubber-backed textile layer is incorporated between the two random pile mats.

11. (Original) A playing surface structure which includes a resin impregnated textile layer having a resin bonded layer of particulate rubber adherent to its undersurface and overlying a first fibrous random pile mat incorporating a random pile layer and a relatively compact, resin impregnated backing layer, wherein the resin impregnated textile layer is covered by a surface carpet layer having a pile laden with sand in an amount between 5 and 40 kg/m², and wherein the random pile layer is laden with rubber in an amount between 0.5 and 4.0 kg/m².

12. (Original) A playing surface structure which includes a resin impregnated textile layer having a resin bonded layer of particulate rubber adherent to its undersurface and overlying a first fibrous random pile mat incorporating a random pile layer and a relatively compact, resin impregnated backing layer, wherein the resin impregnated textile layer is covered by a surface carpet layer having a pile laden with sand in an amount between 5 and 40 kg/m², and wherein the random pile layer is laden with rubber in an amount between 0.5 and 4.0 kg/m², and wherein said resin bonded layer of rubber particles is up to 10mm in thickness, containing rubber in amounts of 0.5 to 4 kg/m².

13. (Original) A playing surface structure which includes a resin impregnated textile layer having a resin bonded layer of particulate rubber adherent to its undersurface and overlying a first fibrous random pile mat incorporating a random pile layer and a relatively compact, resin impregnated backing layer, wherein the resin impregnated textile layer is covered by a surface carpet layer having a pile laden with sand in an amount between 5 and 40 kg/m², and wherein the random pile layer is laden with rubber in an amount between 0.5 and 4.0 kg/m², and wherein said resin bonded layer of rubber particles is up to 10mm in thickness, containing rubber in amounts of 0.5 to 4 kg/m², said structure incorporating a second fibrous random pile mat beneath said first fibrous random pile mat, and a second resin impregnated textile layer having rubber particles adherent to a surface is incorporated between said first and second random pile mats.

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Official Action mailed March 23, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this Application.

Claims 1-13 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-14 and 25 of copending U.S. Application Serial No. 10/816,263. Though Applicant does not necessarily agree that the claimed inventions are not patentably distinct, attached herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome this rejection and place this Application into condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to issue a Notice of Allowance in this Application.